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For: USE OF A 7 α -METHYL-17 α -ETHYNYL-ESTRANE DERIVATIVE FOR THE TREATMENT OF ATHEROSCLEROSIS**PETITION FOR 3 MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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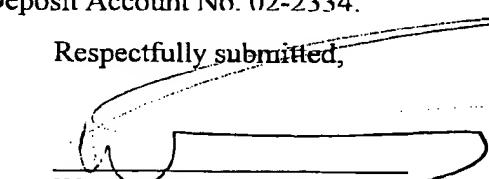
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Sir:

The undersigned hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time in which to file an amendment in response to the Office Action of July 30, 2002.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2334 in the amount of Nine Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$930.00) for payment of the required fee. In the event any additional fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2334.

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